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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to clarify the priority information. The correct priority information is as illustrated on the enclosed chart. Note the labels (e.g., "PARENT", "CONT1", *etc.*) for each application shown on the chart.

Upon entry of the present amendment, the instant specification will properly state that U.S. Serial No. 10/027,219 (herein referred to as "CONT4") is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/620,680 ("CONT3"), filed on July 20, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/300,839 ("CONT2"), filed April 28, 1999, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/923,274 ("CONT1"), filed September 4, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,955,280, issued September 21, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/420,525 ("PARENT"), filed April 11, 1995, now abandoned. (For convenience, Applicants refer to the applications by the labels provided on the enclosed chart.)

The present amendment corrects an inadvertent technical error by removing reference to yet another application, U.S. Serial No. 08/959,536 ("FWC"), filed October 24, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,965,386, in the chain of priority. FWC is a file wrapper continuation of PARENT. Inclusion of FWC in the chain of priority is an obvious clerical error, as CONT1 was filed before FWC and technically could not have claimed priority to FWC. Furthermore, because FWC is a file wrapper continuation of PARENT, these two applications are considered the same application with the same claim to priority. Removing reference to FWC does not affect the earliest priority claim, which is to PARENT. The present amendment merely clarifies that CONT1 is a direct continuation of PARENT by removing the superfluous recitation of FWC. This amendment does not add any new priority information.

Applicants note that a similar amendment was entered into the specification of U.S. Serial No. 09/620,680, now abandoned, by way of a petition under 37 CFR § 1.182, which was granted on April 12, 2005.

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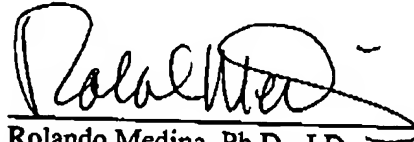
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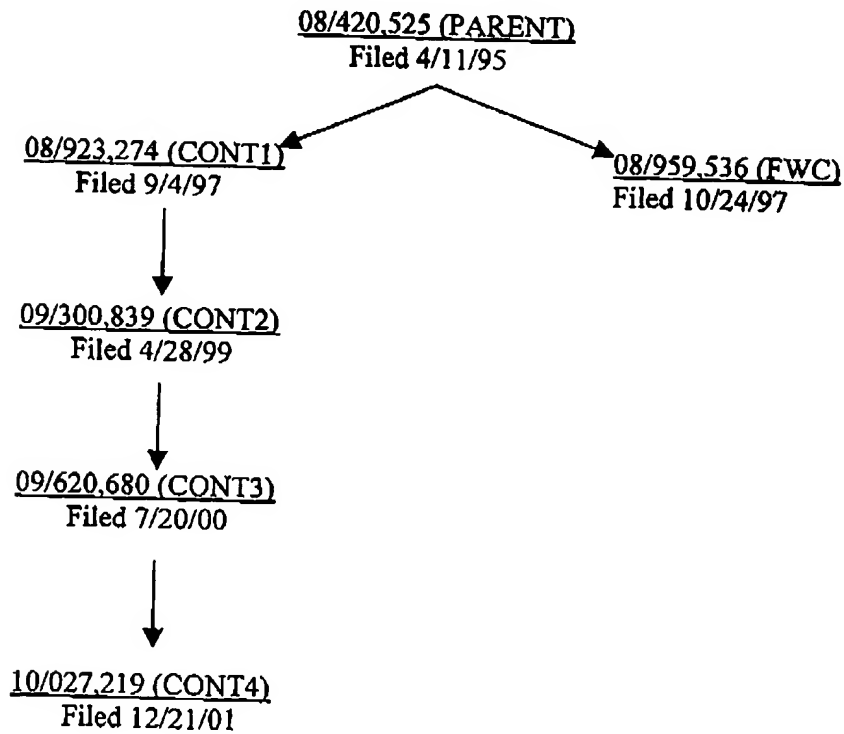
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